

Social Studies Update

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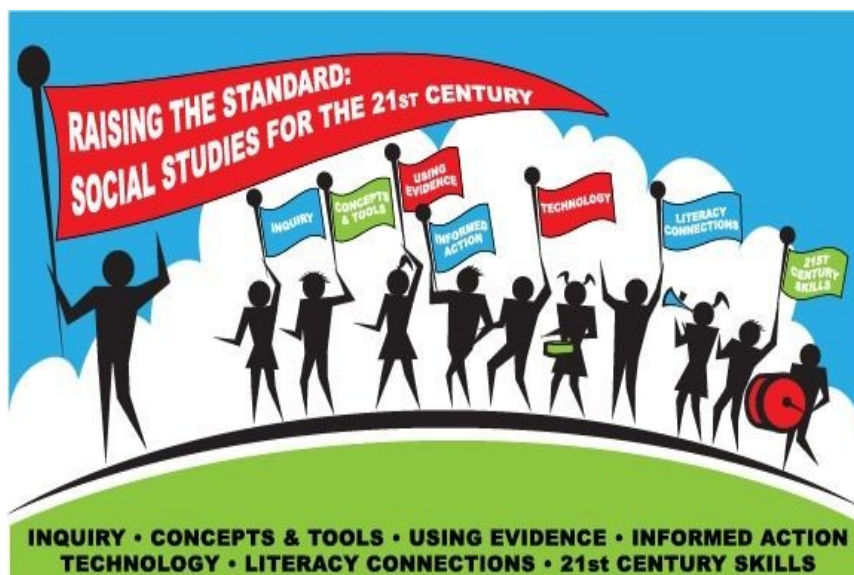
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Questions?

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Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference

Registration is now open for the 2016 Iowa Council for the Social Studies conference. The conference will take place October 6, 2016 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Raising the Standard: Social Studies for the 21st Century is the theme of the conference. This year's keynote speaker is Bruce Lesh. Bruce is the author of *Why Won't You Just Tell Us the Answer: Teaching Historical Thinking*. Lesh is an acclaimed teacher, author, and speaker around implementing historical thinking in the classroom. His book will be available for purchase at the conference or through the registration process. There will also be over 24 sessions offered around various social studies topic including inquiry, literacy, social studies best practices, technology, and more. Check out more information about the conference [here](#). You can see the at-a-glance schedule [here](#). Register for the conference [here](#). Questions? Contact icssonline@gmail.com.



Social Studies News

Iowa Students Take Top Honors at National History Day

Seven Iowa students received medals at the National History Day competition held in June 2016. Congratulations to these students and their teachers! Check out the full story [here](#).

Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa DE Receive Grant from Library of Congress

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and the Iowa Department of Education recently received a grant for nearly \$100,000 this year. This grant will help create curricular materials using State Historical Museum and Library of Congress materials. Check out a story about this grant [here](#).

US Department of Education Supports Social Studies as Part of a Well Rounded Education

Since becoming the director of the U.S. Department of Education, John King, a former social studies teacher, has emphasized the importance of social studies as part of a well-rounded education. Check out a video discussing his support [here](#).

Social Studies Resources

Civics on Call

The Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) has launched Civics on Call. This is a one-stop web page for free lessons on issues of the day for classroom reading, writing, and discussion. Check it out [here](#). CRF also publishes The Bill of Rights in Action each quarter. This is a free newsletter of teaching Constitutional issues. Check out past issues [here](#).

Econ Lowdown

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis publishes several educational resources including a monthly newsletter on teaching economics and economics resources. Check out their education page [here](#). Check out past issues of the newsletter and subscribe [here](#).

Smithsonian Learning Lab

The Smithsonian Learning Lab lets you explore the digital resources of the Smithsonian. You can search, download, and create collections of resources. Check it out [here](#).

United States Holocaust Museum History Unfolded Project

The United States Holocaust Museum has launched a massive project to crowdsource research about how American newspapers responded to the Holocaust. You can check out more information at <http://ushmm.org/unfolded>. You can view a flyer about the project [here](#), a [lesson plan](#), [student worksheets](#) and an [overview for students](#).

Iowa Council for the Social Studies Brings Back Iowa Social Studies Journal

Check out the May 2016 Iowa Social Studies Journal [here](#). This journal is a peer-reviewed, electronic journal for research, best practices, curriculum work, and media reviews in K-16 social studies education.

Digital Public Library of America Releases Primary Source Sets

The Digital Public Library of America recently released over 100 text sets on varying themes with-in history and social studies. Examples include the American Revolution, Immigration, Lewis and Clark, the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Civil Rights, and much more. They can be accessed [here](#).

“Strong literacy and math skills are surely necessary for success in college, careers and life – but they just as surely are not sufficient. Being a well-educated person and passionate about learning isn't just about reading and computing well,” said King, a former social studies teacher. “It’s about being skilled and knowledgeable about a wide range of subjects, expert and passionate about a few, and confident in the quest for more knowledge.”

-John King,
Director, US
Department of
Education

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2017 National History Day Theme Announced

The 2017 NHD theme is Taking a Stand in History. For more information about National History Day or the theme go [here](#). Check out the Iowa NHD page by going [here](#).

When the Akimotos Went to War

The American Battle Monuments Commission has put together this free book about the Akimoto family and their sacrifices during World War II. The book is available to download for free by going [here](#).

Social Studies and Technology

Check out [this list](#) from Richard Byrne (Free Tech for Teachers) of his top 15 tools for teaching history with technology. He also recently put out a list of 10 Resources for Teaching with Primary Sources. Check that out [here](#). He also included a recent post about recording history with students. He first recommend checking out [this resource](#) from StoryCorps about good questions to ask. Then he recommended using the StoryCorps [app](#), [MicNote](#) to record history with students.

Teaching Vietnam

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has put together a collection of curricular materials called Echoes from the Wall to teach the Vietnam War. You can view the curriculum [here](#).

Teaching Freedom Summer

Several Iowans participated in Freedom Summer. Check out [this](#) resource and [this](#) highlighting Freedom Summer and the role Iowans played in it. You can also check out <http://www.keepinghistoryalivefoundation.org/> for more information. The Keeping History Alive Foundation is donating a free DVD of their documentary “Iowans Return to Freedom Summer” to every high school and college in Iowa. If anyone reading the newsletter would like a copy and their school does not yet have one, send an email to pattimiller@lisco.com and request one.

Resources for Teaching World History

Check out [this Livebinder](#) put together by the Ohio Council for the Social Studies. It offers several tabs on different aspects of world history.

World War I Centennial

The Centennial of the US entering World War I is coming up in 2017. Check out the World War I Centennial website at <http://www.worldwar1centennial.org> for news, educator resources, and commemoration activities.

Resources from Achieve the Core

Text dependent questions are critical to use when showing student mastery of standards such as “cite specific evidence.” Check out [this guide](#) created by Achieve on creating text dependent questions. This page also includes supplemental materials, including a checklist to use when thinking about the quality of questions. You can also view hundreds of sample student writing samples by going to [In Common](#).

JFK Library Materials on Teaching Elections

Check out [this resource](#) from the JFK library on teaching about not only the JFK election, but the 2016 election. There is also a lot of primary source material available and several lesson plans.

Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)

Check out the [Literacy Design Collaborative](#) for ways you can think about the disciplinary literacy practices within social studies. Several resources, lesson plans, and strategies are offered on the site.

*“You cannot be afraid
to speak up and speak
out for what you
believe. You have to
have courage, raw
courage.”*

-John Lewis

Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

3 Resources to Help Students See the True Size of a Location

[If It Were My Home](#), [Overlap Maps](#), and [the True Size Of](#) are three resources for helping see how one location compares in size to another location.

Civic Action Project

The Constitutional Rights Foundation has created curricular materials and program support around not just learning about civics, but how to help students take action in it. Check out the Civic Action program at <http://www.crfcap.org>.

Teaching the 2016 Election

- [Constitutional Rights Foundation](#)
- [PBS Join the Debates](#)
- [Newseum](#)
- Iowa State Association of Counties has produced videos on voting in Iowa. Check out videos on [Registering to Vote](#), [Voting Absentee](#), [Voting on Election Day](#).

Decoding the Civil War

Want to help decode telegraphs from the United States Military Telegraph? The National Archives is looking for your help! Go [here](#) to learn more about the project start decoding.

Teaching the Holocaust?

The Illinois Holocaust Museum has several resources for teachers dedicated to teaching the Holocaust. Check it out [here](#).

Docs Teach Launches New Site

Docs Teach, the National Archives Education site, has been revamped. You can access thousands of primary sources from Docs Teach as well as build personalized learning plans using those resources. Check it out [here](#).

Teaching Iowa History?

Iowa author Cheryl Mullenbach has launched a new column on Iowa history. Check out all of her past Iowa history columns [here](#). IPTV also has a wealth of Iowa history resources including [Market to Market Classroom](#), [Iowa Pathways](#), [Caucus Iowa](#), [IPTV Collections](#).

American Democracy Initiative

The Gilder Lehrman Institute and Google Arts & Culture have teamed up to offer the American Democracy initiative. The collection offers a vast amount of resources, including primary source resources, around the teaching of democracy. Check it out [here](#).

Writing in U.S. History

The Calderwood Charitable Foundation has created a series of six modules for high school students. Each module looks at a topic in U.S. history and is integrated with tools to develop writing skills. Check them out [here](#).

Latest Issue of History Now

Gilder Lehrman recently released their latest issue of History Now. This issue is on American History in Visual Art. You can check it out [here](#).

Advise the President

Check out these guides, based off the Kettering Foundation's deliberative democracy process, about presidential and historical decision making. [Clinton](#), [Eisenhower](#), [Eisenhower Moderator Guide](#)

Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

National Civil Rights Museum Launches App

The National Civil Rights Museum has launched a new app. The National Civil Rights Museum chronicles key episodes of the American Civil Rights Movement, examines today's global civil and human rights issues, provokes thoughtful debate and serves as a catalyst for positive change. You can experience the museum on-the-go with this new app. Check it out [here](#).

National History Club

The National History Club Inc. (NHC) inspires students and teachers to start History Club chapters at middle and high schools throughout the United States. Members of local History Club chapters participate in local and national programs, and create their own projects and activities. The NHC also provides chapters with resources and services that will help them increase the activity and impact of their History Club. To date, 550+ History Club chapters at high schools and middle schools in 44 states have joined the NHC, and there are over 15,000 student members.

When you join the National History Club, you join students and teachers from around the country in learning, reading, writing, and living history. The NHC's main goal is to bring together students and teachers with a real passion for history, helping them learn from each other's ideas, experiences, and stories, which are distributed through our tri-annual eNewsletter, monthly eUpdates, and other communication methods.

We do not limit the scope of activities that a chapter may participate in—each club is allowed to navigate its own course. This allows for a wide-range of really interesting activities that are displayed in each Newsletter and on our website. Schools are free to decide whether their chapter will be a regular History Club (open to all) or a History Honor Society (with specific requirements for induction). The NHC also co-sponsors multiple award programs to recognize outstanding student members, Advisors, and chapters. For more information please visit www.nationalhistoryclub.org.

Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Any accredited public or private high school can apply for a local chapter, through which individuals will be inducted into Rho Kappa Honor Society. If you are interested in starting a chapter at your school, go to <http://www.socialstudies.org/rhokappa>.

Veteran's National Education Program

The global awareness map from the Veteran's National Education Program is a great tool for learning about the history, culture, geography and current affairs of a country. Check it out [here](#).

Video Resources on Civic Education

Bowdoin College has created a video series on civic education. These include topics such as federalism, the presidency, the media, the electoral process, and more. Check them out [here](#).

Free Printable Maps

You can download several maps from the United States Geological Survey [here](#). This website can be a little daunting, so you can also download several of the maps from the National Geographic portal [here](#).

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Understanding the Federal Budget

Check out [this game](#) from the Hutchins Center called the Fiscal Ship. It is designed for students and teachers to play in order to better understand the federal budget and how it works.

Assessment Tools

Check out [these](#) fifteen tutorials on using technology to get student feedback and [this](#) additional blog with other ideas. Examples include creating a Twitter poll, Today's Meet, backchannels, etc. Also check out [two new MOOC courses](#) being offered by SCALE at Stanford around assessment literacy.

Colonial Williamsburg Resource Library

Colonial Williamsburg has launched a new resource library that's open to you! All you have to do is create a free account and you will have access to their electronic field trips, primary sources, video clips, etc. Go [here](#) to create your account.

Four Ways to Create Image Based Quizzes

Check out this blog post from Richard Byrne about four tools that allow you to create image based quizzes. These are perfect tools for asking students to analyze primary sources as part of your formative or summative classroom assessments. Check it out [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Teaching the Holocaust Using Echoes and Reflections— FREE Curriculum and Webinars

If you are teaching the Holocaust or are passionate about the topic, this is a tremendous opportunity to not only be trained on using the Echoes and Reflections curriculum, but also to receive the curriculum binder FREE. Go [here](#) to sign up and for more information.

Statewide Social Studies Professional Development for TLC Leaders

Are you a teacher leader or model teacher in the area of social studies? If so, you are invited to attend our statewide training on Building Literacy in Social Studies. The training takes place December 13-14, 2016 in Des Moines and is free to attend. For more information and to register go [here](#).

Heartland AEA Technology Integration & Collaboration (TIC)

Heartland AEA offers a session on social studies technology integration and collaboration each year through TIC. You can register for the upcoming session [here](#). You can also view past sessions [here](#).

Iowa Public Television


Want Iowa Public Television to come to your district and show you the vast amount of resources they have available in their collections? Go [here](#) to request a visit.

Landmark Supreme Court Cases Webinar Series

Check out this series of webinars from TeachingAmericaHistory.org. You can see the webinar offerings and register for them by going [here](#). All documents associated with each webinar are linked on the website.

National Humanities Center Offers FREE Webinar Series

The National Humanities Center is offering over 15 FREE webinars this year. Go [here](#) to see the list of webinars. Enter ITEACH to receive free registration. You can also check out past webinars [here](#).



"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important."
-Bill Gates

Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)

Know of a junior or senior student interested in public service? The United States Senate Youth Program selects two students from every state to receive a \$10,000 scholarship and an amazing trip to Washington DC. The program application window is open now through the beginning of October. Check out more details about the program at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program>.

Iowa Department of Education Launches Iowa Core Subject Area Pages

This summer, the Iowa Department of Education launched subject-area pages on the IowaCore.gov website. You can check out the social studies subject area pages at <https://iowacore.gov/content/social-studies-resources>. The page is organized into Instructional Resources, Assessment Resources, and Professional Development Resources. Some highlights of the webpages include:

Instruction Page:

- [Best Practices Rubric](#)
- [Social Studies Curriculum Revision Checklist](#)
- [Rubric to Evaluate the Quality of Units in Social Studies](#)

Assessment Page:

- Assessment webinar series

Professional Development Page:

- Webinars on statewide social studies professional development
- [Professional development calendar](#)

Social Studies: A Call to Action

An Analysis of Survey Results of Teacher Knowledge of Social Studies Instructional Practice, Curricula, and Associated Needs

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SURVEY ON THE STATUS OF SOCIAL STUDIES IN IOWA

In November of 2015, the Iowa Department of Education released the [Social Studies: A Call to Action](#) report on the status of social studies in Iowa. Based on the survey results of 1,500 Iowa social studies teachers, superintendents and AEA personnel, the report provides a comprehensive look at social studies education in our state. The survey and report were conducted and put together by the Center for Social and Behavioral Research at the University of Northern Iowa. [Read the findings in the full Social Studies: Action report.](#)

INSTRUCTION

Tools to design instruction that supports all students to meet Iowa Core expectations in the content area of social studies.

[Instructional Resources for Social Studies](#)

ASSESSMENT

Tools to engage in assessment for learning and assessment of learning the Iowa Core in the content area of social studies.

[Assessment Resources for Social Studies](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tools to use in professional development in the content area of social studies.

[Professional Development Resources for Social Studies](#)
[Social Studies Professional Development Calendar](#)

Iowa Core Spotlight in Social Studies Resources

Rebecca Helland - Pella Community School District

The Iowa Core helps social studies teachers know how to spend their instructional time. In a world saturated with information and endless opportunities, it's a daunting task for districts and teachers to prioritize how what to focus on. The Iowa Core has already done the work of developing a reliable sequence of skills and content, yet it doesn't take away the art of quality teaching. There's still freedom for districts and teachers to select the materials and instructional strategies that are most effective for the students sitting in front of them while ensuring that all Iowa students have equal access to a quality social studies education.

